

# 40th Airlift Squadron returns ...



Olivia and Morgan Joiner hold signs in celebration of the return of their father, Staff Sgt. Ben Joiner, 40th Airlift Squadron, who arrived home Tuesday from Southwest Asia. The 40th AS returned to the United States after being replaced by the 39th AS, which left with the 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Feb. 15 in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

## ... while the 39th Airlift Squadron and 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron deploy to Southwest Asia

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A group of 194 men and women from the 39th Airlift Squadron and the 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron departed for

Southwest Asia Feb. 15. They will take the tactical airlift reins from their sister squadron, the 40th Airlift Squadron, and will do business as the 738th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron. "They are truly a group of

high-performing, self-motivated, mission-hacking professionals," said Col. Kevin Jackson, 317th Airlift Group commander. "I'm excited about the first (deployment)," said Airman 1st Class April Vollm, 39th AS. "It's gonna be hot and I'll

sweat a lot," she added, as a ready room, crowded with desert flight suits, added, "That's the truth!" and, "You know it!" "It'll be very stressful. I'm worried about getting shot at,"

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## Accident claims Airman's life

By Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss  
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A Dyess Airman died Saturday as a result of injuries he suffered in an accident Friday while exiting the base at the main gate. Airman Cody Sparks, 7th Munitions Squadron conventional maintenance crew member, entered the Air Force July 12, 2005, and has been at Dyess since Nov. 9, 2005. "He was a good Airman," said Tech. Sgt. Jerry Lindquister, 7th MUNS conventional maintenance assistant flight chief. "He was always on time, and he did his job well. His professional customs and courtesies were top-notch." Airman Sparks' coworker and friend, Amn. Harrell Singley, 7th MUNS ammunition specialist, said Cody was relaxed, fun, easy-going and loved the outdoors. "Team Dyess is a close-knit family and the death of one of our own affects all of us," said Col. Garrett Harenca, 7th Bomb Wing commander. "My deepest condolences go to the family of Airman Sparks; we share in their sorrow over this tragic loss. Cody will be missed."

Airman Sparks was born in Humble, Texas, April 25, 1985, to Floyd and Angela Sparks. He graduated from Humble High School in 2003. His hobbies were fishing, paintball, swimming, and playing video games. He was laid to rest Thursday in his hometown. The cause of the accident is unknown at this time.

# Ready to 'run': final ORI instructions

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It's time to show the Air Combat Command Inspector General Team what Team Dyess is all about. Dyess is scheduled to begin its Air Combat Command operational readiness inspection Tuesday. The inspection will test the wing's ability to deploy to a forward operating location and begin flying combat sorties. This inspection scenario will simulate the wing deploying to Base "X," a notional base at an undisclosed location. During the Phase II, Base "X" will be subject to a wide array of exercise ATSO inputs. The inspection culminates the efforts of the past five months of Phase II exercises. Airmen should know the information below or know where to find it. Participants in the exercise are reminded of the following: Airmen should show a sense of urgency and have a positive attitude in everything they do while they are in the play area. Cell phone use is prohibited during the Phase II. Individuals without over-boots must carry a simulation letter provided by their unit. For marking ground crew ensembles, use two-inch-wide green duct tape to place service component (USAF), rank, and first and last names on identification markings. The identification markings should be placed on the front and back of the helmet and protective mask hood and above the right breast pocket of the GCE. Two-inch-wide masking tape marked "Sim M-9" should simulate M-9 chemical detector paper and will be attached to the jacket and pants placed at both ankles, both wrists and both biceps. Inspect protective mask no later than transition day and every seven days thereafter; document using DD Form 1574. All personally owned vehicles must be out of the play area no later than 9 p.m. Tuesday.

The toxic-free area will be open starting at noon. On transition day, Airmen whose shifts end before 12:01 a.m. Wednesday are not required to process through the TFA until their next shift. All ORI participants who will be on duty during exercise kick-off at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday must drive their vehicles to Bldg. 7008 and process through the TFA. ACC/IGI inputs may begin at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday. Unexploded ordnance sweep teams dis-



covering a UXO must rope off or cordon the UXO at 50 feet (simulating 500 feet) for a type A or B UXO or 30 feet (simulating 300 feet) for a Type C, D, E, or F UXO. Upon discovering a UXO, Airmen should maintain a safe distance and may not transmit with a hand-held radio within 25 feet of a UXO. UXO sweep teams must carry UXO marking and self-aid buddy care kits. Alarm **Green** will be used as the normal wartime condition (resume operations or continue recovery actions). Alarm **Yellow** will be used when attack is probable in less than 30 minutes. Protect and cover assets, go to protective shelter, or seek best protection with overhead cover. Alarm **Red** (Blue in Korea) is divided into two categories: Alarm Red Air/Missile, attack by air or missile is imminent or in progress; Alarm Red/Ground, attack by ground forces is imminent or in progress. For Alarm Red Air/Missile, seek immediate protection with overhead cover and report observed attacks. For Alarm Red/Ground, take immediate cover, defend self and position, and report activity. Alarm **Black** will be used when attack is over and nuclear, biological and chemical contamination and UXO hazards are suspected or present. For Alarm Black, perform self-aid buddy care and remain under overhead cover or within shelter until directed otherwise. Procedures for the alarm conditions and other useful information are outlined in the new AFMAN 10-100, Airman's Manual, June 1, 2004, edition. Individuals should have their copy of the new Airman's Manual. For more information about the exercise, Airmen may contact the 7th Bomb Wing XP.

**The TFA during the inspection**  
All Phase II exercise players will enter and exit Base "X" through the toxic-free area facility located in Bldg. 7008 at 426 3rd Street. No privately owned vehicles are

deployed at Base "X". Drop-off of players and parking of POVs should take place in the large parking lot to the west of Building 7008. Players should not be dropped off in the shuttle bus pick up/drop off area east of Bldg. 7008. Deployed and host nation personnel must process through the TFA facility at the beginning and end of their shifts. Personnel reporting for duty will enter at the west of Bldg. 7008 in MOPP 2 gear. All participants must bring the following items when processing through the TFA:

- Military identification card
- Dog tags
- New AFMAN 10-100, Airman's Manual
- Reflective belt
- Gas mask
- C-1 bag, with chemical ground crew ensemble
- A-1 items, helmet, canteen full of water and web belt
- Line badge (if required)
- Simulated M-8 paper booklet
- Simulated M291/M295 packets
- Simulated Atropen/Cipro/P-Tab

Phase II players will need the items listed above, but the TFA will check for ID cards and dog tags. Unit deployment managers

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**Team Dyess welcomes the Air Combat Command Inspector General team for the upcoming operational readiness inspection, which begins Tuesday**

Action Line

696-3355 or e-mail [action@dyess.af.mil](mailto:action@dyess.af.mil)

The Action Line provides a direct line of communication between Col. Garrett Harenca, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and the people of Dyess. People should always use their chain of command or contact the agency involved first. However, if the problem still can not be resolved, call 696-3355 or e-mail [action@dyess.af.mil](mailto:action@dyess.af.mil). Leaving your name and phone number ensures a personal reply by phone. The Global Warrior staff reserves the right to edit all Action Lines before publication. Not all Action Lines will be published.

To help address customer concerns, call one of these base agencies for assistance:	Education office — 696-5544
Area Defense Counsel — 696-4233	Family housing — 696-2150
Base clinic (appointments) — 696-4677	Family support center — 696-5999
Base exchange — 692-8996	Finance — 696-4193
Base locator — 696-3098	Inspector General — 696-3898
Base operator — 696-3113	Legal office — 696-2232
Chapel — 696-4224	Lodging — 696-2681
Child development center — 696-4337	Military equal opportunity — 696-4123
Civil engineering — 696-2253	Military personnel flight — 696-5722
Commissary — 696-4802	Public Affairs — 696-2864
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COMMANDER’S CORNER

Next week, Team Dyess hosts more than 100 inspectors from the Air Combat Command Inspector General team that will evaluate the 7th Bomb Wing in a Phase II operational readiness inspection.

We welcome the team to Dyess and the Big Country. We have trained, practiced and evaluated ourselves on our ability to survive and operate in a hostile combat environment.

We are ready, and we will once again demonstrate that Dyess Air Force Base is a professional team of warriors that seeks out and destroys America’s enemies through decisive airpower for combatant commanders ... anywhere ... anytime ... anyplace!



Col. Garrett Harenca  
7th Bomb Wing commander

# Mission adds meaning to core value

## Aircrew’s unexpected change of mission emphasizes ‘Service Before Self’

Commentary by Lt. Col. Lee Flint  
39th Airlift Squadron commander

Of our core values, “Service Before Self,” stands as one that I believe gives us our greatest challenge. We believe in the essential nature of integrity, and excellence is in our American tradition. Putting service before self often proves more difficult.

General Ronald R. Fogleman, former Air Force Chief of Staff, discussed this topic in an article in the fall 1995 edition of the Air Power Journal. At that time, the core values that we are now so familiar with were just being introduced. He pointed out that military service is unique from all other professions because we have sworn to support and defend our country with our lives.

For the majority of military members, the requirements of our service often take us far from home for extended periods. These requirements demand extra duties, and nights, weekends, holidays and special occasions are often sacrificed in order to prepare for the next deployment, the next sortie, or for the next inspection.

In my own squadron, we are preparing for another deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Nearly two-thirds of the people deploying this time returned from their last rotation just three and a half months ago. They understand service. Their devotion and energy, and their families’ support for our service is amazing.

In the practice of our normal duty, sometimes all the elements of service converge. They did for me at Al Asad Air Base in western Iraq last July. My crew and I were on our last of three stops in Iraq before returning to our base.

As we made our approach into Al Asad, we were in the

pattern with a United States Marine Corps KC-130. We landed first and began the long taxi back to offload our cargo. My crew planned to make it a quick stop since we weren’t scheduled to pick up any cargo to take with us. The temperatures had been brutal on that particular day, and we were anxious to get back.

As we pulled into the transient parking area, we monitored the tower frequency. The KC-130 was on final approach for landing. The pilot reported that they had experienced a fire onboard the aircraft and declared an emergency. Our crew understood the situation well and knew how serious this could be. We looked to our right to monitor the KC-130’s approach. It looked normal, except that the number one engine had been shut down. We were relieved when the plane touched down safely.

*Throughout the process, I kept thinking how small our sacrifice was compared to the sacrifice of these two men. It was humbling and has made a lasting impression on me.*

I cleared the loadmaster to download our cargo, and he began the process quickly. We were getting close to the end of our allowable crew duty time and did not want to spend the night at Al Asad.

As I checked the engineer’s takeoff and departure information, the loadmaster called, “Sir, the cargo manager has a request for us. The Marine airplane was supposed to take out H.R., but they’re not going anywhere for a long while.”

H.R. are human remains. The damaged aircraft was carrying the bodies of two United States Marines who were killed in Iraq and was transporting them to Kuwait for the flight back to the United States. Adding this to our mission would include an additional stop and require us to request a crew duty time waiver. The decision was

simple — everyone was in agreement that we had to get them home.

We made the necessary arrangements, revised our flight plan and then readied the aircraft to accept the remains. My crew worked together to pull up the cargo rollers from the floor and made the other necessary preparations.

Once everything was ready, we opened the ramp and door, and stood outside the aircraft at attention. The Marine team pulled one transfer case out of a two and one half ton truck and carefully took it up the ramp. As the flag-draped case passed, we all rendered a silent salute. After the first was positioned, the team brought the second one out, and, again we saluted the Marine.

My loadmaster secured the cases quickly and professionally. Throughout the process, I kept thinking how small our sacrifice was compared to the sacrifice of these two men. It was humbling and has made a lasting impression on me.

Stories like this one are common among the crews that fly missions into Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa. I am proud of our unit’s performance, both in the desert and at home. The members of my squadron have proven they understand the unique nature of their service. As we prepare to leave on another deployment, the men and women of the 39th will once again put service before self.

ORI tips ...

Do you have a classified message incident (Classified information on a non-classified computer)?

- Do not turn your computer off
- Disconnect your computer from LAN
- Contact the CFP at 696-6281 or 696-6282

TEAM DYESS

FOD Fighter of the Week

Staff Sgt. John Andringa





Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Oscar Lamas

Staff Sergeant John Andringa, 317th Maintenance Squadron C-130 crew chief, found an acid brush in the flapwell of a C-130. He notified quality assurance immediately and prevented a major incident or any damage from happening.

Got a story to tell?



Has a reporter approached you about a story or interview?

Before you tell your story or provide that interview, military members must contact the Public Affairs office.

The PA staff is your conduit to all media outlets and will provide you with media training as well as the latest public affairs guidance about what you can and can not talk about.

For more information or to schedule one-on-one media training, call the 7th BW/PA office at 696-2863.

# Elementary students adopt Dyess NCO

By **Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss**  
*7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs*

First-grade students from Johnston Elementary School in Abilene welcomed a Dyess Airman back from Iraq with a morning full of Valentines, skits and food there Friday.

The class “adopted” Master Sgt. B.J. Gorham, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron operations supervisor, during his four-month deployment.

“I got Halloween decorations, and they sent me Christmas gifts and, of course, e-mails back and forth,” Sergeant Gorham said. “It was great just knowing they supported me and a lot of prayers went on my behalf, not just here but in lots of places. I enjoyed it.”

Sergeant Gorham said this was the fourth time he’s deployed, and having a class of first-graders home supporting him made it different from the other three times he’s been overseas. In a previous deployment, he didn’t have a reliable mail system, let alone e-mail and packages coming in regularly.

After each child had individually approached him with a homemade Valentine, Sergeant Gorham said, “Thank you so much for drawing me pictures. The gifts you all sent were really, really sweet. It made a lot of difference for me, being in Iraq.”

Mrs. Kathy Caroland, the first-grade teacher, said they chose to adopt Sergeant Gorham because his wife, Kathy, has worked at the school as a cafeteria monitor and clerical aid for years.

In fact, seven years ago, Mrs. Caroland taught

the Gorham’s daughter when she was in first grade, and Sergeant Gorham, known to the class as “B.J.,” was very active in the parent-teacher’s association. She said he’s spent countless hours helping the school and volunteering in various ways over the years.

“We did this last year, too, and it was such a wonderful learning experience,” Mrs. Caroland said. “The kids learn so much through this – they learn not just social studies, history and geography but they learn compassion, caring and love for their fellow man. It’s just a real life experience, and you learn so much more from life experiences.”

“I don’t know anybody else in the military,” said Brandon Padilla, 7, one of Mrs. Caroland’s students. “I think it’s sad that he has to fight.”

Mrs. Caroland said she dealt with the subject of war by telling the class that Sergeant Gorham was overseas “to protect us and keep us safe.”

“It’s taught them to have a better respect for the military and for our country, and to have loyalty,” she said. “Before, they probably didn’t even think about it. It probably didn’t even cross their minds; but now they’re aware of what’s going on, they listen to the news, they can’t wait to hear from B.J., they worried about him, and when they see him around the school they get very excited.”

The class first met B.J. in September. When he met them, he told them about his own children, William, 14, and Katelyn, 13, and then said, “And now I have y’all.”

“I’m just so touched by them and glad they’re in my life,” Sergeant Gorham said.

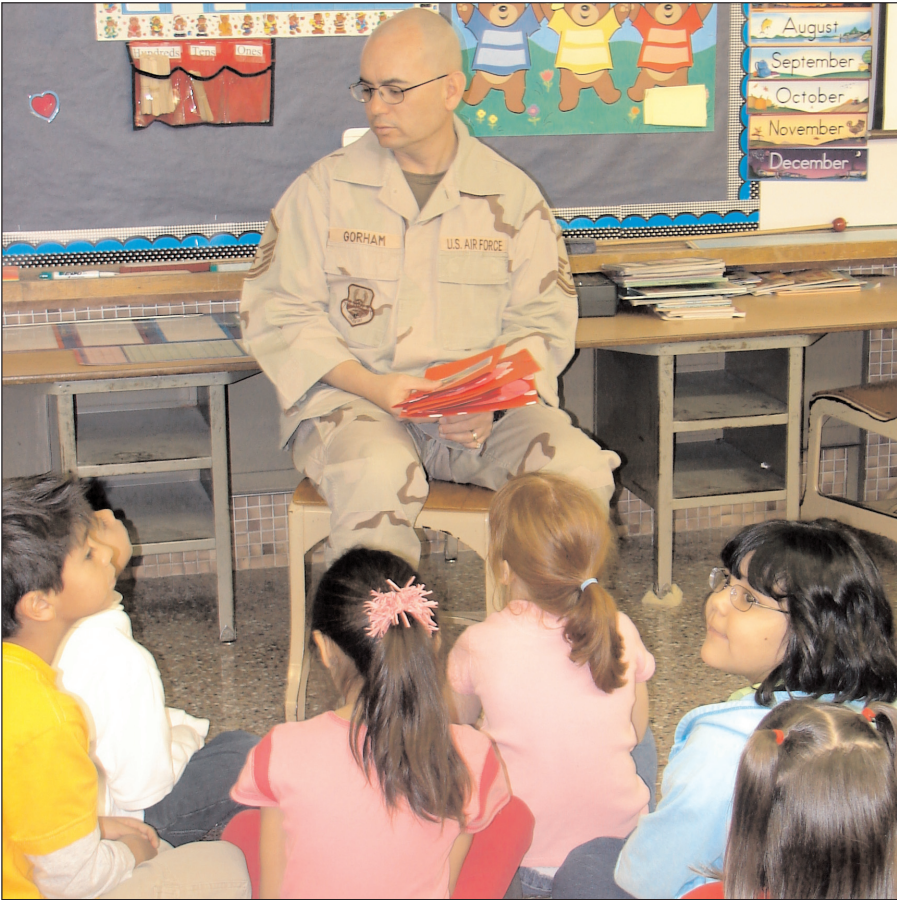


Photo by Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss

**Master Sergeant Billy Gorham, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron, talks and listens to first graders from Johnston Elementary School in Abilene. Shortly after his return, Sergeant Gorham visited the class that adopted him and sent care packages and letters during his four-month deployment to Iraq.**

# Good Conduct Medal elimination explained

By **Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle**  
*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force Uniform Board announced Feb. 6 that the Good Conduct Medal will no longer be awarded.

The Air Force director of Airman development and sustainment recently explained the reasons behind this decision.

“The quality of our enlisted personnel today is so high, we expect good conduct from our Airmen,” said Brig. Gen Robert R. Allardice. “It begged the question, ‘Why do we have a Good Conduct Medal?’”

“Having a medal for good conduct is almost to say we don’t expect Airmen to do well, but if they’re good we will

give them a medal,” he said. “It’s kind of insulting in our Air Force today.”

One must look at the history of why the medal was created in the 1960s. The military was using the draft and involved in the Vietnam War. The Air Force didn’t have any other method to recognize Airmen. Today, the Air Force Achievement Medal recognizes outstanding Airmanship.

“When we looked at that history, it was clear that the Good Conduct Medal has outlived its usefulness,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. “Today’s all-volunteer force is committed to serving honorably, and good conduct is what we expect from every Airman — officer and enlisted.”

“We live by our core values,” Chief Murray said. “When members of our service stray from those values, they do

themselves and all Airmen a disservice. When that happens, commanders have the tools they need to evaluate the situation and the individual’s worthiness for continued service.

“If a commander deems their conduct does not warrant discharge, then they remain a valuable Airman to our Air Force, and we expect them to continue to serve honorably,” he said.

General Allardice said that it is the uniform, not the Good Conduct Medal, that represents what Airmen are all about.

“In today’s Air Force, our Airmen understand that the uniform they wear represents good conduct,” he said.

Airmen who have previously earned the Good Conduct Medal are still authorized to wear it.

# MDG members win Air Force-level awards

**By Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss**  
*7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs*

Two 7th Medical Group Airmen were surprised to learn they won Air Force-level awards for outstanding performance and dedication Feb. 10.

Captain Melissa Meister, 7th MDG chief, public health element, won the Public Health Officer of the Year Award; and Tech. Sgt. W. Shane Brown, 7th MDG noncommissioned officer-in-charge of medical equipment repair, won the Biomedical Equipment Repair Technician of the Year Award.

With the help of a proficient staff, Captain Meister was able to raise the occupational health competency compliance rates on base above the Air Force's minimum standard of 90 percent, ensuring the base is vaccinated and deployment-ready. They also raised the Preventive Health

Assessment Individual Medical Readiness percentage to 83 percent.

Captain Meister credited the Airmen in her office with the success that affected her award package.

"The Airmen in the office are the ones who made it happen," Captain Meister said. "They help

deserving award winner and an outstanding officer.

"She knows her job very well and is an outstanding leader," Colonel Sullivan said. "Anything that you ask of her gets done quickly and accurately, and she's a fantastic person to have work for you.

"We're very lucky to have her

here at Dyess and in the military. She's got a lot of knowledge and experience. She's done very well deployment-wise, and is going again in April. We're very proud of her."

Sergeant Brown not only managed the medical equipment repair shop but also performed squadron superintendent duties, including writing enlisted performance reports and feedbacks, tracking numerous items of paperwork, managing the squadron meals on wheels and vehicle programs, and many other volunteer activities.

*"If you look at my desk, you see a lot of awards, but that's not why I do (my job). My intention is not to win this award every year; it's to do what I enjoy – helping others."*

Tech. Sgt. W. Shane Brown  
7th Medical Group noncommissioned officer in charge of medical equipment repair



Capt. Melissa Meister

Sergeant Brown, who has won other Air Combat Command awards, said he credits his many successes, including his most recent Air Force-level award and the 7th Bomb Wing NCO of the Year Award, to the many "extracurriculars" he's participated in.

"If you look at my desk, you see a lot of awards, but that's not why I do (my job)," he said. "My intention is not to win this



Tech. Sgt. W. Shane Brown

award every year; it's to do what I enjoy – helping others."

Captain Dwayne Baca, 7th MDG medical logistics flight commander, said Sergeant Brown "wowed" the ACC Staff Assistant Visit team and is an outstanding NCO.

"He's always the go-getter," he said. "No matter who's here, he's the one who makes things happen. When ACC came, they saw that the shop's run very smoothly."

## Chief's flight



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

Left to right: Maj. Michael Pugsley, 7th Operations Support Squadron; Capt. Matthew Grimes, 9th Bomb Squadron; 1st Lt. Jeff Flowers, 9th BS; Chief Master Sgt. Paul Wheeler, 7th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant; Senior Airman Michael Glackmeyer, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; and Airman 1st Class Cory Ley, 7th AMXS, pose in front of the B-1 bomber after Chief Wheeler's orientation flight Feb. 15. The flight was arranged so that Chief Wheeler could experience the B-1, but more importantly to get a better understanding of the effort required by the aircrews, maintenance, tower, and all flightline personnel to make the sorties successful.

## ORI Tips for OPSEC

- Use "line up" / "line down" for every phone call.
- Do not discuss critical information over an unclassified system or phone (LMR).
- If you must talk critical/classified info, use a STU/STE, SIPR-NET or send a runner.

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managers should check to be sure they have the remaining items before the Phase II starts. Manning rosters will be used to check that player's processing in and out of the play area.

After processing into the TFA, personnel will exit the building from the north side and board a shuttle bus that will take them into the play area (except for those troops in authorized government-owned vehicles).

At the end of a shift, personnel will board a shuttle bus from their duty sections back to the TFA facility and enter through the East side of the building. Airmen should out-process before leaving the TFA. People working in the area will be available to give assistance.

### Shuttle bus service

The 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron are scheduled to provide shuttle bus service during the Phase II exercise. Shuttle buses will begin running at 8 p.m. Tuesday and continue running until two hours after ENDEX. There will be red, blue and green routes begin-

ning and returning to the TFA facility, located at Bldg. 7008 on 3rd Street.

The shuttle bus routes are scheduled to run as follows:

- The **red** shuttle will have a 29-passenger bus starting at Bldg. 7008. This route will take approximately 20 minutes to run round trip. It has stops for the MSA at the parking lot west of Bldg. 9190; the fire station at Bldg. 4003; and the control tower on the flightline side.
- The **green** shuttle will have a 29-passenger bus starting at Bldg. 7008. This route will take approximately 20 minutes to run round trip. The shuttle's only stop is in the cantonment area at the bunker in front of the building.
- The **blue** shuttle will be used for the maintenance play area. It will have 44-passenger and 29-passenger buses starting at Bldg. 7008. This route will take approximately 20 minutes to run round trip. It has stops for maintenance at Bldg. 5020; supply at Bldg. 5280; and RCC POL at Bldg. 5212.
- An MSA stop may have pre-arranged shift change runs with a 44-passenger u-drive bus starting at Bldg. 7008. The route will take approximately 25 minutes to run round trip.

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she said.

Airman Vollm earned her wings about a year ago and recently qualified as a loadmaster.

She said she expects to return to her former career as a juggler, clown and magician's assistant after four years in the Air Force. She plans to return to Las Vegas to perform on stage with her fiancé, Christian Augustine.

Other departing Airmen said goodbye to their families before they joined their fellow deployers at the deployment control center, adjacent to the flight line.

Technical Sergeant Michelle Hurst, wife of Master Sgt. Scott Hurst, 317th AMXS production supervisor, prepared herself to send off her husband and "be more independent around the house."

"I had to learn to change a bike tire," she said.

Sergeant Hurst said he has no doubts about the job he is going to do.

"This is what it is about for me," he said pointing to his three daughters. "(So) they won't have to live in fear of someone blowing

up their school. I joined the military to defend this country, so whatever they tell us to do, we go do."

Airman 1st Class Jacob Colon, 317th AMXS fuel cell technician and Chicago native, said his first deployment is also the first time he has left the United States.

"I'm looking forward to coming back and being in a country I've never been before," he said.

Shannon Colon, his wife of one year, said she worried about "not being able to talk to him as much – and his safety."

This is the fourth deployment for Staff Sgt. Justin Carney, Airman Colon's supervisor.

"I'm used to missing birthdays," he said, looking down at his wife, Lisa, and their two daughters, Isabelle and Natalie.

Isabelle, 7, nodded when asked if she was proud of her father.

"He's gonna fix planes," she said.

"What keeps these kids goin'? I don't know," Colonel Jackson said. "(They are) absolutely second to none at generating and maintaining 30-plus year-old aircraft, and they are maintaining and sustaining a mission capable rate of 80 to 85 percent, which is phenomenal."

Lieutenant Colonel Lee Flint, 39th AS commander, will lead the 738th EAS at their deployed location while they support Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and operations over the Horn of Africa.

"We know we're supporting freedom and the U.S. mission," he said, but added that they do not forget the efforts of the Airmen left behind.

"Team Dyess does an incredible job making this deployment as straight-forward as possible," he said. "We couldn't do it as well without the team."

First Lieutenants Eric Navarette, 317th AG logistics plans, and Rob Sprouse, 317th plans and programs, were two members of Team Dyess who helped process all of the deployers, about 350 pounds of gear per person, and the civilian charter flight.

"(Processing deployers) takes approximately three hours," Lieutenant Navarette said. In the past, he said, when deploying personnel gathered at the base theater, rather than the DCC, it took about four and a half.

"I couldn't be happier with this unit. They let their actions speak for them," Colonel Jackson said.

# Congratulations

Dyess congratulates the following technical sergeants on their graduation from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy Feb. 16:

Jason Abercrombie, 7th MUNS  
Lenore Babbitt, 7th LRS  
Michael Barnes, 39th AS  
Donald Beauchamp, 317th AMXS  
William Brown, 7th MDG  
Mark Clark, 39th AS  
Perry Colburn, 7th LRS  
Donald Corrie, 317th OSS

Joseph Gawlik, 7th CES  
Patrick Gothot, 7th AMXS  
Diana Hall, 7th MXG  
Matthew Harms, 317th AMXS  
Trevor Jackson, 7th SVS  
Jason Jones, 7th CMS  
Cornelius Lewis, 7th OSS

Michelle Lewis, 7th MSS  
Horace Lopez, Jr., 7th CS  
Roberto Ramirez, Jr., 7th AMXS  
Erik Reed, 7th EMS  
Victoria Tudor, 7th CMS  
Haywood Ward, 7th EMS  
Jason Wickman, 7th MDG

### C-CW CONOPS

Due to exercise hostilities, Base "X" will implement Counter Chemical Warfare Concept of Operations, to including division of the base into chemical zones (sectors), Ground Defense Sectors, and implementation of transition points.

TPs are established between chemical zones to control entrance to and exit from potentially contaminated areas. These are the ONLY authorized points by which a person may transit chemical zones. Doing so prevents personnel and assets from potentially entering a contaminated zone without the proper level of protection as well as preventing transmission of contamination to an otherwise clean zone.

At a TP, personnel can expect to see a sign marking the sector to be entered as well as the current MOPP level and time of last data update. When required, TPs will be manned by an attendant who will guide personnel through the transition process. It is vital for all personnel that only transition points be used to cross between chemical zones. See the new AFMAN 10-100, Airman's Manual, for additional C-CW CONOPS guidance.

### Phase II food service schedule

The Longhorn Dining Facility will be

serving meals for non-exercise participants during its normal hours of business: midnight meal, 11 p.m. – 1 a.m.; breakfast, 6 – 8 a.m.; lunch, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; and dinner, 4 – 7 p.m. Personnel in chemical gear attempting to enter the dining facility will be turned away. The dining facility is a no-play area.

All exercise participants will dine in the cantonment area. Meals will be served from the field kitchen starting with the midnight meal Tuesday. The field kitchen will serve a hot meal for the midnight meal from 11 p.m. – 1 a.m. MREs will be provided with supplements for breakfast from 6 – 7:30 a.m. A hot lunch will be provided from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. MREs will be provided with supplements for dinner from 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Individuals receiving BAS will pay the meal cost of \$3.35 and personnel entitled to SIK will sign for their meals on the AF Form 79. MREs will be available for purchase at the TFA from STARTEX to ENDEX.

However, MREs will not be issued from the TFA during the lunch or midnight meal serving times.

Cantonment personnel desiring MREs whose shift changes occur during these meal periods will receive their MREs from the field kitchen.

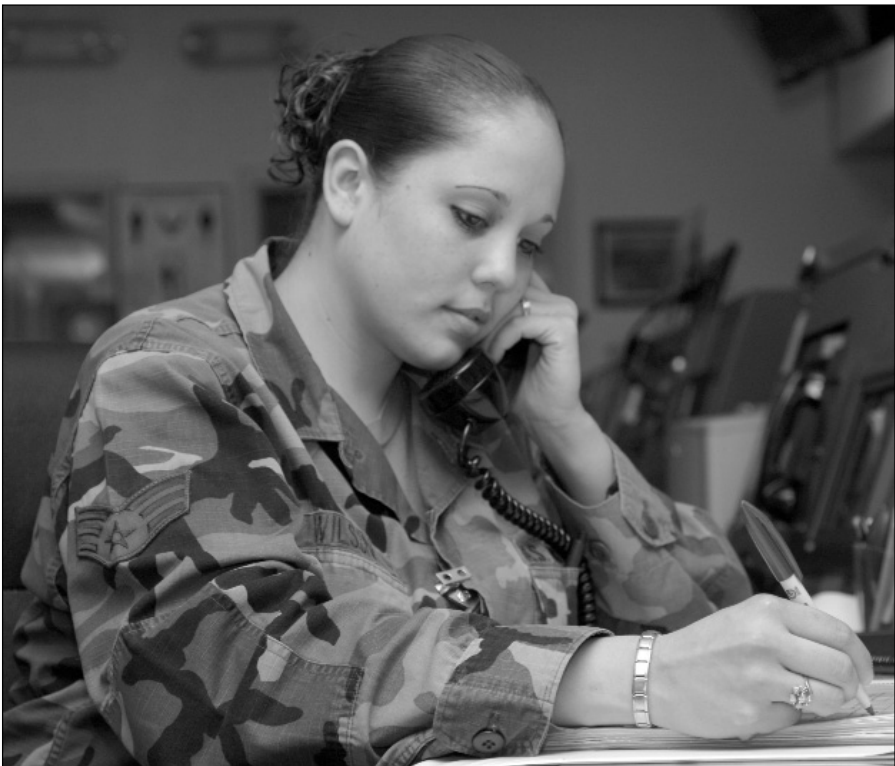


Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

TEAM DYESS  
Warrior of the Week  
Senior Airman Raina Wilson

**Unit:** 7th Bomb Wing command post  
**Job title:** Command post training manager  
**Job description:** To oversee the command post training program, making sure that all personnel are prepared to deploy and able to do their war-time jobs.  
**Time in the Air Force:** Three years  
**Time at Dyess:** Two years  
**Marital status:** Husband, Torre; daughter, Haley, 1  
**Hometown:** Modesto, Calif.  
**Most rewarding job aspect:** Seeing confidence grow in controllers as they progress in their training  
**Career goals:** To make the rank of chief master sergeant, finish my bachelor's degree, and enjoy my tour at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii  
**What you like most about Dyess:** The warm community  
**What you like most about the Air Force:** Seeing all sorts of people from different lifestyles work together toward one common goal  
**Best Air Force memory:** Being selected as the training manager as an E-3  
*(Editor's note: The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit commanders, first sergeants or supervisors.)*

ORI Tips

Does your computer have a virus?  
Here's what to do:  
- Do not turn your computer off  
- Disconnect your computer from LAN  
- Contact the CFP at 696-6281

RIDE PRIDE

First impressions count. Your fellow riders are relying on you to be an ambassador for the sport of motorcycling. Take the high road by riding responsibly, obeying traffic laws and keeping the sound of your bike to a reasonable level.



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News Briefs

Space-available travel

Current space-available C-130 flight schedule:

- Saturday, takes off at 6:45 a.m. to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; continuing to Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras; returns Tuesday.
- Sunday, takes off at 9 a.m. to Pope AFB, N.C.; returns March 3.

All flights are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Show time for all flights is two hours prior to scheduled take-off time. All travelers must show their military identification cards plus one additional form of ID. Active duty travelers must possess valid leave orders. The passenger terminal is at building 4112, Avenue A3.

For all flights scheduled during non-duty hours, travelers must coordinate with the pax terminal by calling 696-4505 or 696-8732.

Youth baseball

Registration for the upcoming youth baseball season ends Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Boys and girls ages 3 to 6 are eligible to participate. Players must have shot a current shot record and proof of a physical to sign up. For more information, call the youth programs office at 696-4797, or visit them at 234 Texas Dr.

9th BS change of command

The 9th Bomb Squadron is scheduled to have its change of command ceremony March 9 at 1 p.m. in the 3-Bay Hangar.

For more information, call Capt. Matthew Grimes at 696-7453.

Emergency notification

Individuals need to ensure their emergency notification information is accurate and up-to-date. This includes family member information and contact information.

The Virtual Record of Emergency Data can be accessed and updated online at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/>. For more information, people may call their commander support staff.

Curtis Williams estate notice

Anyone with a claim for or against the estate of Staff Sgt. Curtis Williams may call 1st Lt. Michael Mihalik at 696-5616.

Cody Sparks estate notice

Anyone with a claim for or against the estate of Airman Cody Sparks may call 2nd Lt. Jeremiah Diboll at 518-9649.

“Parents’ Night Out”

The base child development center and youth center are scheduled to host a Parents’ Night Out today starting at 6:30 p.m. at both centers.

The cost is \$13 at the CDC and \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members at the youth center.

Parents attending “The Drifters” performance at The Heritage Club must pick up their children no later than 11 p.m.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Alan Garrison

Serenity Fountain opens

Colonel Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and Col. Richard Trifilo, 7th Medical Group commander, cut the ribbon officially opening the new Serenity Fountain in the 7th Medical Group courtyard. There were approximately 100 people at the Feb. 16 ceremony. Timothy James, 7th Medical Group facilities manager, who came up with the idea for the fountain, was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, for his work in this and other projects, at the ceremony.

Advance reservations and payments must be made at the CDC or the youth center. Proof of attendance is required. Parents attending the performance will receive validation of attendance at the club on the night of the performance.

Parents not attending the performance must pick up their children no later than 10 p.m. Advance reservations and payments are not required.

For more information, call the CDC at 696-4337 or the youth center at 696-4797.

Tuition assistance

All Air Force personnel receiving tuition assistance must send a copy of the approved tuition assistance form to their schools.

Students who fail to do so may be disenrolled from their courses.

Schools cannot seek payment from the Air Force without a copy of the approved tuition assistance form.

The Dyess Education Center is not authorized to send a copy of the approved

form to schools; it must be done by the student as part of the enrollment process.

For more information, call William Phillips at 696-5545 or e-mail [william.phillips@dyess.af.mil](mailto:william.phillips@dyess.af.mil).

Refuse/Recycling

The refuse and recycling contractor, OSIRUS, will change the collection schedule for the Military Family Housing effective March 6.

Beginning on this date, recycling from the MFH area will be collected every Monday, and refuse collection will be every Tuesday. OSIRUS will no longer provide pickup service Thursday and Friday. For more information, call Walter Smith at 696-6452.

56 Club

The 56 Club is made up of staff and technical sergeants and is looking for new members. It is involved in community and military affairs and is the voice of junior noncommissioned officers on base.

Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Bomb Shelter.

People interested in joining or for more information, call Staff Sgt. Melida Sierra at 696-4226 or e-mail [melida.sierra@dyess.af.mil](mailto:melida.sierra@dyess.af.mil) or call Tech. Sgt. Christopher Ellis at 696-4462 or e-mail [christopher.ellis@dyess.af.mil](mailto:christopher.ellis@dyess.af.mil).

Cell phone usage

Effective Monday in accordance with Department of Defense installation traffic code, operators of government vehicles and individuals driving personal vehicles on government installations will not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or the operator is using a hands-free device.

Wearing headphones, earphones or other listening devices is also prohibited while operating a motor vehicle.

Drivers may be stopped for these offenses

es and points may be assessed to the individuals’ driving record for each violation.

DRMO

Property processing issues are scheduled to resume Monday.

For more information, call the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office at 696-3101 or 696-2224.

For all DRMO withdrawals, call the Logistics Readiness Squadron customer service office at 696-4464 or 696-3890.

The LRS customer service office is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Scholarships

NMFA scholarship

The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for the Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships.

Scholarships are normally \$1,000 and may be used for tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

Applications may be submitted online until midnight April 15.

For additional eligibility criteria or more information, visit [www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006](http://www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006).

DeCA scholarship

The Defense Commissary Agency is offering scholarships of \$1,500 to students in 2006.

Applications are being accepted through Wednesday. For eligibility requirements or more information applicants may visit the website <http://militaryscholar.org>.

Chief’s Group scholarship

The Chief’s Group is accepting applications for scholarships.

Applications may be obtained from high school counselors, the family support center, or any active-duty chief. Applications must be postmarked by April 15 and mailed to Dyess Chief’s Group, Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Box 9785, Dyess AFB, TX 79607-0785.

For information regarding eligibility criteria, call Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Bush at 696-2857.

DOSC scholarship


The Dyess Officers’ Spouses’ Club is accepting scholarship applications through March 10.

Applications may be picked up at Dyess Lanes, the Heritage Club, the Hangar Center, the base family support center, library, youth center, thrift shop, education center, and any Abilene area high school or college.

Previous Dyess OSC scholarship winners are ineligible to re-apply.

For additional eligibility criteria or more information, call Jody Hammes at 793-1513.

# Dyess Chapel



Nursery and children’s church are available at all services. For information on Jewish services, call Maj. Matt Paskin at 696-1530. For information about other services, call the chapel at 696-4224.

**Catholic worship schedule:**

Saturday:	Reconciliation — 4 p.m. Mass — 5 p.m.
Sunday:	Mass — 9 a.m. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine — 11 a.m. Mass — 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday — Friday:	


**Protestant worship schedule:**

Sunday:	Sunday school — 9:45 a.m. Traditional worship service — 11 a.m. Gospel service — 12:30 p.m.
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**Jewish services:**

A Jewish service is scheduled for today at 7 p.m. at Temple Mizpah, 849 Chestnut St.

# The BIG Screen



**Today, Saturday at 7 p.m.**  
**Hostel**  
*Jay Hernandez, Derek Richardson*

Two adventurous American college buddies, Paxton and Josh, backpack through Europe eager to make quintessentially hazy travel memories with new friend Oli, an Iclander they’ve met along the way. Paxton and Josh are eventually lured by a fellow traveler to what’s described as a nirvana for American backpackers — a particular hostel in an out-of-the-way Slovakian town stocked with Eastern European women.

Rated R (torture, violence, sexual content, language, drug use) 95 min.

**Saturday at 2 p.m., Sunday at 7 p.m.**  
**Last Holiday**  
*Queen Latifah, L.L. Cool J*

When a shy New Orleans sales clerk with big dreams is diagnosed with a fatal disease, she goes on a grand European vacation to live out the rest of her life. With nothing to lose — or so she thinks — her behavior becomes more irreverent and outrageous each day and affects the resort staff and patrons alike.

Rated PG-13 (sexual references) 112 min.

# PAR olympics prepare Airmen for ORI

By Senior Airman James Schenck  
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Seventeen two-man teams put their post attack reconnaissance knowledge and skill to use Feb. 15 when they gathered at the base theater for Dyess’ first-ever PAR olympics.

The event was designed to provide hands-on training to PAR teams prior to the operational readiness inspection that is scheduled to begin Tuesday.

“The PAR olympics was the idea of Tech. Sgt. (Stephen) Cass (7th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness flight) as a way to build esprit de corp and to make PAR training more fun while still being competitive, said Lt Col. Timothy Eichhorn, 7th CES. “It required a lot of ground work and planning, but I think it really helped to get our PAR skills honed razor sharp.”

“The need for speed and proper execution is very important,” Sergeant Cass said, referring to PAR team skills.

It was good training for all involved, Sergeant Cass said, who identified casualty recovery as one particularly challenging area.

The timed exercise contained every scenario that a PAR team is likely to encounter during the ORI as well as in real-world situations, including checking M-8 stanchions; identifying contaminated vehicles; reporting, recording and marking unexploded ordnance; and casualty care, to name a few.

The readiness flight created two identical

simulated post chemical attack environments, which two teams went through at the same time.

Teams competed for the fastest time, but were also graded on how many serious mistakes they made while completing the course.

One team failed to properly mark a UXO and walked into its cordon, earning them a “dumb kill” that counted against them, Sergeant Cass said.

The goal was not only hands-on training, but also to promote teamwork, which Airmen could take back to their units and use for the ORI.

“We hope that the team will take what they learned from this training to the ORI,” Sergeant Cass said. “As a team, you are only as fast as your slowest person.”

Instead of medals, the olympians received prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

The “7th Operations Group team 2” placed 1st, earning each team member a \$40 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse and a day off. The “Munitions Squadron team 1” placed 2nd, earning each team member a \$30 Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift certificate and a day off. The “MUNS team 2” placed 3rd, earning each team member a \$10 AAFES gift certificate and a day off.

Many supporters, including unit commanders, made it to the event as well, which allowed lessons learned at the PAR olympics to be brought home, Sergeant Cass said.



Above: Staff Sgt. Jared Stanley, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, administers self-aid and buddy care on a moulagee during the post attack reconnaissance Olympics.

Left: Airman 1st Class Eric Nelson and Airman Harrell Singley, 7th Munitions Squadron, put on their mission-oriented protective posture gear at the beginning of their PAR olympics run.

# Construction updates for new fire station

